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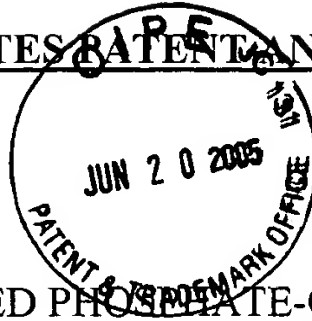
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COMMUNICATION REGARDING CHANGE OF STATUS AND RELATED FACTS

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It has been brought to the attention of Applicants' Representative that small entity status is no longer appropriate in the above-identified application, and in accordance with the duty set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(2), the entitlement to small entity status is withdrawn.

Inventor Mark P. Bendett was an employee of Northstar Photonics and inventors Norman A. Sanford and David L. Veasey were employees of the United States Department of Commerce at the filing of Application, serial no. 09/490,748. The application was filed on 25 January 2000. Inventor Bendett assigned his rights to the invention to Northstar Photonics, a small entity, on 28 March 2000. Inventors Norman A. Sanford and David L. Veasey assigned their rights to the invention to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of Commerce on 1 June 2000, as reflected in the Assignment recorded on June 9, 2000 at Reel 010891, Frame 0977.

The instant application was prosecuted as a small entity including filing missing parts with application fees on 6 June 2000. Subsequent to the filing, Northstar Photonics assigned its rights, with an execution date of 19 August 2002, to Teem Photonics, S.A., having small entity status.

With assignment to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, it recognized that the small entity status changed to large entity status. Based on the above facts and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(1)(2), Applicant believes that fees paid as small entity during prosecution, such as any fees for extension of time to file a reply, were properly paid. However, if a deficiency payment is due, based on paying various fees as a small entity during prosecution of the instant application, please charge any additional fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0743. Further, based on the above facts and 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(g)(1)(2), Applicant is submitting an issue

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fee for large entity status. If the status of the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of Commerce as a large entity is incorrect and small entity status for the instant application is correct, please credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

Please contact Applicant's Representatives, at the below-listed telephone number, if there are any questions relating to this matter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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